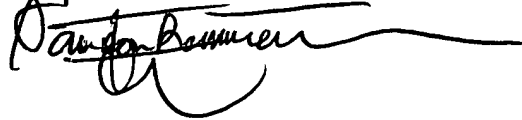


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Dear Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action mailed on May 16, 2006, in which all claims in this case were finally rejected. Reconsideration of this application, based on this amendment and these following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5 through 8, 11 through 13, and 17 through 24 remain in this case. No claim is amended. Claims 2, 4, 9, 10, 14 through 16, and 25 through 37 were previously canceled.

Claims 1, 3, 5 through 8, 11 through 13, and 17 through 24 were all finally rejected under §103 as unpatentable over the Jones et al. reference¹ in view of the Tatebayashi et al. reference². The Examiner asserted, relative to claims 1, 8, 13, 20, and 21, that the Jones et al. reference teaches all of the elements of the claims, but does not expressly disclose inserting a flash

¹ U.S. Patent No. 6,623,637, issued April 22, 1997 to Jones et al.